

## **PARK STREET CHURCH CHRISTIAN FORMATION – 30 OCTOBER 2016**

The “House” Where God’s Name Would Dwell (1 Kings 5-8; 1 Chronicles 25-29; 2 Chronicles 3-7)

### **OVERVIEW**

#### **Worship**

- **Preparations**
  - David’s preparations (place, plans, wealth, personnel)
  - Solomon’s preparations (negotiation, construction)
- **Purposes**
  - Presence (dwelling Place for God’s Name)
  - Patterns of God’s heavenly dwelling
  - Place of Prayer
- **Prayer**
- **And God’s response**

### **INTO THE TEXT**

#### **Preparation: The Place**

- Location of Temple
- Threshing floor of Aravnah the Jebusite

#### **Preparation: David’s Role**

- God’s promise to build a “house” and make David’s name great (1 Sam 7)
- David’s plans that the Spirit put in his mind (1 Chr 28:11-21)
  - Architecture
  - Furnishings
  - Ministerial staff (2 Chr 25-26 – musicians, gatekeepers, treasurers)
- David’s prayer (1 Chr 29:10-20)

#### **Solomon’s Preparations: “A Temple for the Name of the Lord My God”**

- Materials from Lebanon – cooperation with Hiram, king of Tyre (5:1-12)
- Conscripted labor (5:13-18)
- Bronze furnishings – Hiram, the artisan
  - Pillars, capitals, ornaments – Yakin and Boaz
  - Sea on bulls; movable stands with wheels like a chariot (engraved lions, bulls, cherubim)
  - Basins
- Gold incense altar, table(s), ten lamp stands

#### **Questions so Far**

- Why did Solomon make all these furnishings? Did they not have them from Tabernacle days?
- What were the contrasts with the Tabernacle?
- Note Solomon’s own palace was larger and took longer to build....

**Purposes: Dwelling Place for God's Name**

- Exodus 15:17-18 –Mountain...Inheritance...Place... Dwelling...Sanctuary... “The Lord will reign forever.”
- Why does the text make a point of identifying the time frame in 1 Kings 6:1?
- “The place the Lord your God will choose to put His Name for His dwelling” [Deuteronomy 12:5; 14:23; 16:2,6,11,15; 26:2] - festivals, sacrifices, offerings, tithes
- Coming in to God's Presence – perfect and terrifying holiness

**Purposes: Pattern of God's Heavenly Dwelling**

- Central place for worship - sacred space → “access to heaven”
- Ark of the Covenant, Tent of Meeting, and sacred furnishings moved into place (8:3-9)
- The cloud representing the Glory of the Presence of God filled the Temple (8:10-12)
- Reflection of God's dwelling in heaven
  - I Chronicles 28:18
  - Ezekiel 1:4-28
  - Hebrews 8:5; 9:23-24

**Purposes: Place of Prayer**

- Preamble (1 Kgs 8:14-21; 2 Chr 6:1-11)
  - The great redemption from Egypt
  - The “dwelling place” for God's Name
- Invoking God's faithfulness to His covenant (1 Kgs 8:22-61; 2 Chr 6:12-42)
  - The promise to David
  - Echoes of the covenant (Lev 26; Deut 28)
  - Prayers of confession and repentance toward “this place” / “this temple”
  - “Hear from heaven and forgive”

**Praise and Dedication: Feast of Tabernacles**

- Dedication ceremony
  - Fire from heaven (2 Chr 7:1-3)
  - Sacrifices
  - Solomon: “May He turn our hearts to Him, to walk in all His ways and to keep the commands, decrees, and regulations He gave our fathers “(8:58)
  - Chorus: “He is good; His *hesed* endures forever”
- God's response (2 Chr 7:14)

*“If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land.”*

- Our responses -